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April 15, 2004

The Honorable Shirley Johnson, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Transportation
Michigan State Senate
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

Dear Senator Johnson:

In accordance with Public Act No. 162 of 2003, Section 703, this notice is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Transportation is in receipt of an abandonment notice from the Lake Superior and Ishpeming Railroad Company. The notice indicates that on April 8, 2004, the company expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board a petition for exemption seeking authority to abandon approximately 25 miles of rail line known as the Republic Subdivision, extending from railroad milepost 69.52 (LS&I Junction) near Negaunee, Michigan to milepost 94.5 (Republic Mine) near Republic, Michigan in Marquette County, Michigan.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification, feel free to contact me or Rob Abent, Director, Multi-Modal Transportation Services Bureau at (517) 335-9568.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gloria J. Jeff".

Gloria J. Jeff
Director